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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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Detlef ALBIN et al.

: GROUP ART UNIT: 3204

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: EXAMINER: DEXTER

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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND APR 1 7 1997 PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT GROUP 3200

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SIR:

FOR:

Responsive to the Official Action of February 28, 1997, Applicants elect Group I, Claims 1-11, with traverse. Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 3, line 1, replace "at least one of the preceding claims" with -- Claim 1 or 2--.

Claim 4, line 1, replace "at least one of the preceding claims" with -- Claim 1 or 2--.

Claim 5, line 1, replace "at least one of the preceding claims" with -- Claim 1 or 2--.

Claim 6, line 1, replace "at least one of the preceding claims" with --Claim 1 or 2--.



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Transmitted herewith is a Response to Restriction Requirement and Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.

- No additional fee is required.
- Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 has been established by a verified statement submitted herewith.
- □ Additional documents filed herewith:

The Fee has been calculated as shown below:

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